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IT is a common ſaieng, that loue couereth and turneth all things to the beſt, euen as hatred (to the contrarie) taketh & conſtrueth all things to the woꝛſt. What the Quéene of England hath latelie on theſe parts done foꝛ vs, wherein alſo my loꝛd the Erle of Leiceſter was pleaſed in his owne perſon to be imploied foꝛ our ſakes, is ſufficientlie knowne to all men of any iudgement. If the ſame hath bin done vnto the thankefull oꝛ to the vngratefull, to welwillers, oꝛ to diſſemblers, may be perceiued out of the ſpeaches of them that are dailie talking of the treaſon done by Colonell Stanley within Deuenter, and Capteine Yorke in the Sconce beſoꝛe Zutphen. But thoſe that talke of it indifferentlie, will not noꝛ cannot laye the blame on the Engliſh nation, but to acknowledge, that one man ought not to beare the blame of an others fault: much leſſe then a whole kingdome beare the blame foꝛ the fault of one, two, oꝛ three traitoꝛs.

If that might be ſo, then ought we not to truſt anie one of the Loꝛds of the Lowe countries, among the which, ſuch treacherous vngodlie traitoꝛs haue béene found: as in our time, the Loꝛd of Ville, who did moſt lamentablie betraie the Towne of Groeninghen, and cauſed to be murthered the moſt vertuous Burghmaiſter that he could find in the whole Towne, which pꝛocured theſe bloudie ciuill wars, foꝛ our puniſhment to happen amongſt vs.

Alſo in Flanders the Pꝛince of Chimay, who pꝛofeſſing the reforꝛmed religion, yea comming from the Loꝛds Supper, did not onelie betraie and deliuer into the hands

of the enimie the Towne of Bridges, but also the whole gouernment of Flanders. And before him the Lord of Bours, who hath betraied & deliuered Mechelen: the Lord of Florence Philip Ville Lamotte, Graueling. The Marquesse of Berghen, the castell of Wowe: the Lord of Fresyn, Breda. We omit the Generall that toke in Brussell treacherouslie, and the Lowe countrie Colloncll that would haue betraied Berghen op Soome, but through his vnskilfulnesse, could not deliuer it, with innumerable others to long to be rehearsed. With which faults we neuer would, nor desired to charge the nation of the Lowe countries: neither Princes, nor prouinces, who receiued and placed them (notwithstanding all faithfull warning) to be Gouernours.

But here may it be knowne of what nature these good people be, which for the fault of Stanley and Yorke, cause the whole English nation to be suspected. But if they be particular persons, they erre either by ignorance, or else they themselues bearing a traiterous minde, would rather haue the Spaniards then the Englishmen. If they be publike persons, either they are of the same condition, or els would rather remaine maisters themselues. How so euer it be, they shew that they beare neither faith nor loue vnto hir Maiestie, his Excellencie, nor to the people of England, seing they turne all things to the worst, to the great prciudice of the guiltlesse.

If there had not bene great spite and iniurious high minde borne both to hir Maiestie and his Excellencie, in stead of thankefulnesse, and namelie by those that should haue bene a great while agoe vnder the yoake of the enimies, if the Almightie GOD had not bent the heart of hir sacred Maiestie to assist vs. Which soundeth euen thus, as if wee would scorne at all Princes and Potentates, when as wee haue vsed their helpe to succour vs in our distresse.

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paſt, haue vndertaken to venter herein their monie and ſubiects, ought not by ſuch vniuſt cenſure to bee diſpleaſed, and thereby prouoked to alter their good meaning. It may be thought bad inough, that when ſir Phillip Sidney hath on theſe parts ſhed his blood, and loſt his life, and an innumerable number of Engliſh Souldiors, loſte their liues and periſhed for want: Alſo certeine ſummes of money was brought out of England hether, and conſumed: and yet notwithſtanding, wee ſtand ſtill in nèd of further helpe. If then I ſaye we ſhould enter into ſuch dealings, wee erre greatlie, and declare by our vnthankfulneſſe, that (not onelie) wee do not deſire anye further aide, but alſo determine to recompenſe the great good and vnſpeakeable pleaſures paſt and done vnto vs with mère vnthankfulneſſe.

The Engliſh Lordes and Gentlemen haue bène conuerſant among vs with all frendlineſſe, courteſies, and good example, they haue little regarded to venter their bodies and liues for vs, as for their owne natiue countrie, inhabitants, and kindered.

They haue neither deſired of vs lande or liuing, Lordſhips or iuriſdictions, but to the contrarie, haue oftentimes declared, that if they maye bring to paſſe to rid theſe countreis of Spaniſh tyrannie, and made with vs an euerlaſting couenant, to aide, helpe, and to defend each other (as themſelues) that then they ſhould deſire no greater bliſſe of the Almightie God, nor of vs anye other thankefulneſſe or recompence.

Wee haue tried and had experience in our countries, aſwell of Spaniſh, French, Scottiſh, Italian, Hungarians, Polanders, Highdutch, Wallons, yea, almoſte all kinde of Nations: their tyrannie, vnfaithfulneſſe, falſehood, drunkenneſſe, whoredome, forceing of women, rauiſhing of yonge maidens, vnnaturall and intollerable viciouſneſſe, ambition, and rapines without ceaſing.

Wherefore being of some tyrannised, of others deceiued, we are iustlie fallen from them, and conuerting our selues to a godlie Christian Princesse. Yea, a Princesse, which when wee were reiected and forsaken of other Kings and Potentates, hath not onelie sent to our aide and succour, Earles Lordes, Gentlemen and Souldiers, of whose modestie, sobrietie, vertue, and frendlie conuersation, we are to yeld thanks vnto aboue all other nations, but also hath ordeined such a Prince for our gouernour, as none hath bene hitherto knowne in these parts to excell him, in godlinesse, vertue, righteousnesse, frendlinesse, liberalitie, courtesie, and kindlinesse. Who hath also declared in euerie place where he came, that he wisheth no other pleasure of his age, then that in doing the worke of his Lord GOD faithfullie, he might assure and seale vnto vs the freedom of our lands and consciences, against his and our enimies, with his owne blood. Euen as all those that haue bene in the field with him, must confesse with vs, that they neuer sawe him merrier and better disposed, then when he might come in the sight of his enimie, yea which is more, when as some Lordes were somewhat dismaied at the approching of the enemie, which hee vtterlie disliking, and shewing himselfe to be highlie displeased, would aske them this question: If then they thought to liue heere for euer.

Hir Maiestie thus hauing sent vnto vs such a Prince, witnessing therby, how greatlie shee doth loue & esteeme of vs, & we on the other part, hauing receiued such innumerable & vnestimable benefits, & we yet (neuertheles) standing still in great need of the continuance therof, why should we then either do vnto hir such vnreasonable and detestable wrong, or once offer, or suffer it to be done or offered, in charging the English nation with the fault of one or two Traitors. And if we charge them therewith, what should we declare thereby, otherwise then that we mind to depart from hir, reiect hir aide, and reward the great pleasure and comfort done vnto vs, with displeasure and discourtesie.

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Finallie, if we would prouoke hir Maiesties displeasure against vs, it is euen like as if we should couet to be led like Buffes by the nose, from hir bountifulnes vnder the Spanish tyrannie, from hir godlinesse into the vngodlie papistrie, and to be driuen vnder the yoake, like as a people vnworthie, vnhappie, and most slauish kind of creatures.

Some say that in England manie Traitors are punished, whose quarters are to be seene round about London in great number. But would to God there were in other places moe Londons, about the which might be seene the quarters of the traitors, which in other places escape their deserued punishment: then should it be seene and knowne, that the Spanish Duckets and Pistolets, are of as great force in other places as in England. Treason is verie bad euerie where, but farre worse where it is not punished: the standing quarters in England shew Gods blessing vpon that nation, who doth reueale them, and the iustice of the countrie that doth punish them. But where some times they stand not abroad in shew, betokeneth Gods curse, and the countrie sleeping or iustice oppressed.

It is hard and dangerous to practise secret Treason in England against the Queene, but most easie and without danger against the state where manie heads gouerne. For, be it so that the King of Spaine would make war on these countries with traitors, what need were it for him to put his secret frends in danger, seeing that the greatest seruice they could do vnto him, should be partlie in shortening the deliuered vse of the souereigne power, which is aboue all things most needfull in the handling of our matters, partlie in the seuering of the resolutions, slacknesse, and great number of reports, in prolonging of executions, all which they could or might cloake and colour with faire trimmed fauourable preterts and protestations of our priuileges, which otherwise should bee vtterlie vnpossible to bee obteined.

But it is the papists money, whereby manie people are

deceiued, and seduced to vndertake such dangerous attempts, though the papists themselues are not to boast of anye such vngodlie deeds, shewing thereby their kind, that they haue the Diuell to their father, who from the beginning hath beene a lier and a murtherer.

And as touching the faithfull, they are to impute all this to the prouidence and appointment of God, who suffereth such things to happen for a better meane to stirre vp our slumbring mindes, to take the matter in hande with greater and more feruent zeale, and to praye and beseech the most highest God, that it may please him to bleste vs in such sort in these countries, in the disclosing of such trecherie, as he hath blessed the Queene of England before our eies: and to grant vs at last, (for asmuch as he ordeineth all kingdomes and gouernements) that such a vertuous, godlie, and blessed Princesse, may haue the gouernment ouer vs. Whom God long preserue to the vnspeakeable comfort of all afflicted Christians.

Amen.

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